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#### CLAIMS

1. A hearing aid comprising, a housing and means for controlling an operation  
the hearing aid, characterised in that said controlling means are adapted to be  
5 to a force applied to a part of an auricle of an ear of a hearing aid user.
2. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing is adapted to be pl  
position behind the ear, and wherein the controlling means comprise sensing  
positioned on at least one side of the housing facing the head or facing the ear  
10 user, the sensing means being adapted to sense a force applied to the user's  
the controlling means being responsive to the sensing of the sensing means.
3. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing is adapted to be pl  
an ear canal of the ear.  
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4. A hearing aid according to claim 3, wherein the controlling means comprise  
having two ends, one of which is attached to a face part of the housing, the le  
adapted to be deflected by application of the force to the auricle, such as to a  
the ear, and the controlling means being responsive to the deflection of the le  
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5. A hearing aid according to claim 4, wherein the lever is adapted to also be  
user to remove the hearing aid from the ear canal.
6. A hearing aid according to claim 5, wherein the lever further comprises en  
25 means adapted to facilitate engagement with the hearing aid during removal.
7. A hearing aid according to claim 6, wherein the engaging means comprise  
shaped or hook-shaped part.

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8. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 4, wherei  
controlling means comprises switching means adapted to co  
the operation mode of the hearing aid, the switching means  
responsive to the deflection of the stiff lever.

9. A hearing aid according to claim 8, wherein the switching means comprises a  
35 momentary switch.

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10. A hearing aid according to claim 8, wherein the switching means comprises an  
switch.

11. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 4, wh  
the stiffness of the lever is large enough to convey at le  
pressure force of 5.0 Newton to the switch element.

12. A hearing aid according to claim 11, wherein the pressure force is  
perpendicualr to the length axis of the lever.

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13. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 9, said switching means are adapted to switch an electrical signal between two predetermined levels, the controlling means adapted to control the operation mode in response to a change in the electrical signal level provided by the switching means.

14. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, the controlling means are adapted to control a power consumption operation mode of the hearing aid.

15. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, the controlling means are adapted to select a particular listening program between a number of pre-set listening programs in the hearing aid.

16. (Amended) A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means are adapted to a telecoil/microphone operation mode of the hearing aid.

17. A hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means further comprises an integrated circuit.

18. (Amended) A hearing aid adapted to be positioned in an ear canal of an ear of a user, the hearing aid comprising means for manually removing the hearing aid from the ear, the removing means being fastened to the hearing aid and extending from the hearing aid toward an auricle of the ear, characterized in that the removing means comprise a stiff member which remains in essentially the same predetermined position during normal deflection of said stiff member.

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